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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT:MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AT UNCTAD IV

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MCCLOSKEY

1. WHILE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WITH CERTAINTY WHICH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL BE PRESENT AT UNCTAD WHILE YOU ARE THERE, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO ATTEND AND PROBABLY WILL APPEAR AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER DURING THE MEETING. I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF PROVIDING SOME PERTINENT BIOGRAPHIC COMMENTS WHICH MAY PROVE TO BE OF HELP SHOULD THESE MEMBERS TURN UP WHILE YOU ARE THERE.

A) JAVITS - WELL KNOWN TO YOU

B) RIBICOFF - ALSO WELL KNOWN TO YOU

C) MIKE GRAVEL - HAS LIMITED INFLUENCE WITHIN HIS COMMITTEE. HE IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED BREEZY, PLEASANT. HE HAS ONLY MADE SERIOUS TROUBLE FOR US ONCE, WHEN HE TEAMED
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UP WITH RUSSELL LONG TO BLOCK THE CZECH CLAIMS AGREEMENT.

D) BOB PACKWOOD - THE RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF STEVENSON'S BANKING SUBCOMMITTEE. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT,

DURING THE BLOODY AND UNSUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE WITH STEVENSON OVER EXIM BANK LOANS TO THE SOVIET UNION, PACKWOOD WAS A SOLID SUPPORTER OF YOUR POSITION. ALTHOUGH WE FAILED, PACKWOOD LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED TO OVERCOME STEVENSON'S SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO PLACE A \$300 MILLION CEILING ON EXIM LOANS TO THE SOVIET UNION. PACKWOOD WILL BE IMPRESSED IF YOU RECOGNIZE HIS HELPFUL ROLE IN THIS EFFORT, AND WE WILL CERTAINLY NEED HIM IF WE ARE TO EVER REVISE THE PRESENT LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTIONS. PACKWOOD IS A LIBERAL REPUBLICAN, SOMETHING OF A LONER, BUT GENERALLY RESPECTED FOR HIS INTEGRITY AND HIS ABILITY TO GET ON TOP OF A SUBJECT. HE DOES COMMAND CONSIDERABLE RESPECT AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES.

E) BROOKE (MASS.) - WELL KNOWN TO YOU

FROM THE HOUSE:

F) BINGHAM - WELL KNOWN TO YOU

G) BIESTER - A YOUNG, SOPHISTICATED PENNSYLVANIA LAWYER WHO, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS DECIDED TO RETIRE AT THE END OF THIS SESSION. AS A MEMBER OF THE HIRC, HE HAS USUALLY BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR POSITIONS. HE WILL BE HELPFUL TO US IN THE FEW MONTHS HE HAS REMAINING AND IS WORTH SOME ATTENTION.

H) SCHNEEBELI - ALSO RETIRING. HE HAS BEEN OVERSHADOWED IN THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL YEARS BY HIS REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUE BARBER CONABLE.

I) JOE FISHER (D-VA.) - A FRESHMAN, JOE NONETHELESS HAS QUICKLY EARNED CONSIDERABLE RESPECT WITHIN THE HOUSE BY HARD WORK AND HIS GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. HE DEFEATED CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN BROYHILL. WE THINK FISHER HAS A FUTURE. HE IS GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR FOREIGN POLICY, PARTICULARLY OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. HE IS CONFIDENTIAL

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